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Study on Entry of Foreign Universities
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study through the National Institutions for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog regarding setting up of foreign universities in the country;
(b) if so, the various routes being considered to permit entry of foreign education providers and the details of the laws to regulate the operation of such universities in the country; and
(c) whether there are concerns pertaining to foreign universities not abiding by the rules in India and being accountable to the law as per their original location and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)
(a): Yes, Madam. National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog has prepared a concept note and a road map on setting up of foreign university campuses in India.
(b) & (c): At present there is no law which allows the entry and operation of foreign educational providers to set up their campuses in India. However, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has notified the UGC (Promotion and Maintenance of Standards of Academic Collaboration between Indian and Foreign Educational Institutions) Regulations 2016, which spell out the modalities regarding the eligibility criteria and the conditions for the collaboration of a foreign educational institution with an Indian educational institution. AICTE has also issued Regulations for Entry and Operation of Foreign Universities/Institutions imparting Technical Education in India to facilitate collaboration and partnerships between Indian and Foreign Universities/Institutions in the field of technical education, research and training.